

NAMES: W, L, John Henry
PLACES: Sho. Wndsr, Vrmn

ENTER ALL IN THIS ORDER:
DATES: 14 1794

To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "x" behind the number pertaining to that child.

FAMILY
GROUP
RECORD

HUSBAND ROOKER, John Bunyon		Husband ROOKER, John Bunyon		1839
Born	25 Apr 1839	Place	Nxb, Mssp	
Chr.		Place		
Marr.	7 Mar 1866	Place	Heber City, Wstch, Utah	
Died	15 Sep 1908	Place	Center Creek, Wstch, Utah	
Bur.	18 Sep 1908	Place		
HUSBAND'S FATHER ROOKER, Samuel McRae		HUSBAND'S MOTHER WOOLRIDGE, Permlia Emily		
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES				

WIFE SMITH, Mary Elizabeth		Wife SMITH, Mary Elizabeth		
Born	6 Oct 1851	Place	Mt. Pisgah, Ptwtm, Iowa	
Chr.		Place		
Died	22 Oct 1891	Place	Heber City, Wstch, Utah	
Bur.		Place		
WIFE'S FATHER SMITH, Thomas C		WIFE'S MOTHER FRAMPTON, Sarah		
WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS				

SEX M F	CHILDREN List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED			BAPTIZED (DATE)	ENDOWED (DATE)	SEALED (Date & Temple) WIFE TO HUSBAND
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY		DAY	MONTH	YEAR			
	1 F ROOKER, Sarah Emily	24	Dec	1868	Heber City	Wstch	Utah	25 Dec 1889	27	Jan	1927	5 Feb 1858	9 Feb 1858	10 Jun 65 LC
	2 X F ROOKER, Mary Catherine	2	Oct	1871	Heber City	Wstch	Utah	MUIR, John Lindsey	4	July	1893	17 JULY 1896	10 Oct 1928	10 Jun 1915 LG
	3 M ROOKER, John Samuel	9	Jun	1875	Heber City	Wstch	Utah	HARRIS, Joseph Dony	12	Jun	1900	2 Sep 1883	16 Jun 1964	10 Jun 1965 L
	4 M ROOKER, James William	20	Jun	1879	Heber City	Wstch	Utah	WING, Janet Elizabeth	4	Feb	1958	24 July 1887	1 Sep 1927	10 Jun 1965 LG
	5 F ROOKER, Amanda Bavern	26	Jun	1884	Heber City	Wstch	Utah	BUKE, Martha Jane	25	Sep	1957	4 Sep 1892	15 Sep 1909	10 Jun 1965 L
	6 M ROOKER, Thomas "C"	16	Mar	1888	Heber City	Wstch	Utah	(1) BLAKE, Joseph	26	Jun	1892	1 Sep 1915	16 Jun 1964	10 Jun 1965 L
	7											Child	Child	10 Jun 1965 LG
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION Archives, Salt Lake City, sheet submitted by Grace Durfee, Personal Information from Melba Egbert, Heyburn, Idaho Personal Information from Mary Curl, 1935 Oakley Ave, Burley, Idaho	OTHER MARRIAGES Almo, Idaho	NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS
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HUSBAND						John Bunyon ROOKER (gambler)							Husband				John Bunyan ROOKER 1840																							
Born 25 Apr 1840						Place Nuxubee County, Mississippi							Wife				Mary Elizabeth SMITH																							
Chr.						Place							Ward				1.																							
Marr. 7 Mar 1866						Place Heber, Wasatch Co., Utah							Examiners:				2.																							
Died 18 Sep 1908						Place Center Creek, Wasatch, Utah							Stake or Mission																											
Bur.						Place																																		
HUSBAND'S FATHER Samuel McRae ROOKER						HUSBAND'S MOTHER																																		
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES																	RELATION OF ABOVE TO HUSBAND RELATION OF ABOVE TO WIFE																							
WIFE Mary Elizabeth SMITH																	FOUR GENERATION SHEETS FOR FILING ONLY YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>																							
Born 6 Oct 1851						Place Pottawattomie Co. Iowa											DATE SUBMITTED TO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY																							
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F Given Names SURNAME																											HUSBAND LPS 6/25													
1 John ROOKER																											WIFE													
2 James ROOKER																											SEALED (Date and Temple) CHILDREN TO PARENTS													
3 Mary ROOKER																																								
4 Sarah ROOKER																																								
5 Verna ROOKER																																								
6 Thomas ROOKER																																								
7 moved to Texas.																																								
8 moved to Cherry Creek Colorado (Auraria) (Denver) in Spring of 1858.																																								
9 moved back to Texas in fall of 1858, then back to Denver.																																								
10 moved over South Pass in early 1858 Winter to Springville, Utah Fort.																																								
11 moved to Heber Valley & settled there in Fort Heber in 1859 or 1860																																								
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1. HBUM p 1082						#5 Verna md (2) ALLISON																																		

fort was spent with her daughter Annie who had two sets of twins in two years.

Jane worked in the Primary and also the Relief Society in the various wards where the family lived.

THE ROOKER FAMILY LINE



Samuel McRae Rooker was born October 5, 1813 at Yorks, South Carolina. His father, Jennings Rooker, immigrated from Ireland. Samuel moved to Mississippi as a young man and married Amelia Woolridge Hundley (her second marriage) on August 5, 1835.

John Bunyon Rooker was born April 25, 1840 in Nuxubee County, Mississippi. A short time later the family moved to Texas after the Mexican-Texas war and took up land. As the tempest began to brew which precipitated the Civil War, Samuel and a few other close friends felt they wanted no part in the fighting; so they sold or gave away their land and slaves and left for the west, having heard of the settling of Oregon, Utah and California. They arrived on Cherry Creek, Colorado, and camped on what is now known as Denver the spring of 1858. They decided to stay for awhile as Mrs. Elinor Hundley was soon to have a baby. This son, named Jefferson Hundley, is claimed by the family to be the first white child born in the Denver vicinity.

Samuel and his son, John, then a young man of 18 years, built a log cabin and have been credited in official Denver history of building the first house in Denver, then known as Auraria. They were given 16 city lots for this honor.

John, a restless young man, engaged in a bit of poker playing during the summer, became involved in a fight over a card game and when the man, Jack O'Neil, came for John with a gun, John was ready and shot

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and killed him. A trial was held and John was acquitted. After this shooting, the family left and returned to Texas the late summer or early fall of 1858. When leaving they traded their 16 city lots for some horses. They found matters worse than when they left so immediately returned to Denver. A party of six or eight families decided to go west again by wagon and during the early winter went over south pass in Colorado and arrived at a fort in Springville, Utah late in 1858. It was while at Springville that John met his wife-to-be, Mary Elizabeth Smith, born in Pottowettomy County, Iowa, October 6, 1851. They were married at Heber, March 7, 1866.

After checking the land settlement possibilities in the Heber Valley, Samuel decided to go there and was among the first settlers in the old Fort Heber settlement, building a cabin there either the summer of 1859 or spring of 1860. The family moved to Center Creek and Samuel died and was buried there November 16, 1894.

It is regrettable that so little was recorded of the life of Samuel Rooker in the Heber Valley. Even the date of his death has been lost but love for peace and harmony among men made him a good neighbor and a tireless worker for the welfare of his family.

John Rooker joined the Latter-day Saint Church, but was never active. His life was filled with disappointments for his family, as he was a constant user of liquor and spent a great deal of his time gambling. He was, however, an indulgent, kind-hearted and generous husband and father. Perhaps too much so for the good of himself and family. John B. Rooker died at Center while walking home from a visit to his daughter's, Verna R. Blake Allison, home on September 18, 1908. Six children were born of this marriage, John, James, Mary, Sarah, Verna and Thomas.